

# CSULB Staff Council Meeting

## November 2025



### Agenda

- Land Acknowledgment • Mission of Staff Council • Poll for Quorum- passed at 8:34am
- Approval of the October 2025 Minutes-approved • Approval of the November 2025 Agenda-approved

### Special Reports

- **Academic Senate Meeting Report (Sharon Olsen):**

The CSU has a new policy for the Graduate Writing Assessment requirement for all students. CSULB has had our own policy for some time, and so we are working to find a way to adhere to the greater CSU policy while keeping some of our own intact.

- **Stacey Schack, Associate Director, Staff Learning Development (see attached PPT):**

- Employee of the Month: Carmen Arredondo (Housing and Res Life)
- L&D Spotlight Theme: "Manage Energy, Not Time;" good resources and workshops on the website
- Events @Staff Dev Center:
  - Sustainability Champs session: Beauty or Beast: A look at Harmful Ingredients in Personal Care Products (reg closed for now)
  - Hands-on support for making your documents accessible: Nov. 21 & Dec. 5, 9-12pm
- Don't forget we have Staff Prof Dev grants available! For conferences etc.
- Cross Campus Collab upcoming session topics: Tech Essentials for Modern Workplace, Using ChatGPT, Customer Service, Gender Identity; (Reg through CSYou), Institute for the Future Sessions: [see this article for more details](#)

### Guest Speakers (time certain starts @8:45am)

- **8:45am: President Jones:**

- Walter Pyramid- will be renamed to LBS Financial; gives us an opportunity for additional funding
- [Spaces for students indoor and outdoor](#): Due to USU closure, we are discussing ways to add more study space around campus indoors and outdoors esp. during inclement weather

- **9:18: Shannon Couey, USU Updates**

- Coffee Bean is now open Monday-Friday, 6:30-7pm, mobile ordering available
- Subway Trailer now open
- Coming Soon- Coastal Coffee by COB opening in December
- Habit Kitchen Trailer full service coming Spring 2026
- Construction Updates:
  - Full opening of Friendship Walk stairs delayed until spring; paths will remain the same as now
  - Although it seems not much is happening inside the USU from the outside view, there is a lot going on! Many structures gutted and cleared
  - Responding to feedback to identify study spaces on campus; list of places available on the ASI website with an interactive map
  - New renderings of the future Nugget on the USU website
  - Looking at the Quad to assess options for seating for students
  - We have a contract with the Sports Basement; they are holding the USU pool tables etc; free to use for faculty staff and students

- **9:25am – Mark Mintz, Campus ATI Compliance, Web & Digital Accessibility Analyst**
  - ADA Title II Deadline: April 24, 2026
  - All content used for programs, services and activities must meet WCAG 2.1 level AA. Includes: Website, Course content, social media, Mobile apps
  - Some exceptions for previously created content that is kept for research, reference or recordkeeping.
  - Now is the time to verify content you create is accessible.
  - New tools available: Captioning tool - Verbit: AI-Based Transcription & Captioning Services service includes live and post-captioning services; Document remediation tool: Equidox PDF Accessibility Solutions; Web accessibility checker: Web Accessibility Platform | Powered by WAVE
  - Request training through ATI-compliance@csulb.edu; I can formally or informally discuss:
    - Accessibility
    - Basic legal framework of accessibility
    - Remediation and feedback
    - Document creation best practices.
    - Procurement review

## Treasurer's Report

- Funds: NO202=\$3000 (approx.); MT153=\$101- we are trying to spend this down so we can only have 1 account to manage.
- Expenses: expenses coming up for Cherishing the Children event; will get some support from the campus as well

## Committee Reports

### Membership:

- Welcome new members! Andrea Wieck and Lily Lopez from Beach Shops
- Women's Volleyball event was a success and lots of fun! We will be planning another social event for spring probably at Carpenter Center. Stay tuned!
- Please check the [membership roster on our website](#) and see where the gaps are—invite colleagues to join!

### Nominating

- Need DEIA + CCC Committee Member: 3-year term
  - Bethany Price self-nominated & approved by vote

### Ways and Means:

- See's Candy fundraiser going on now through December 5. [Order online!](#)

### Special Events

- Spooktacular Recap: the most people and costumes ever! [See photos on SC Facebook](#)
- [Cherishing the Children](#): Planning meeting next week on Nov 18, 11-12 (join with [SC Meeting Zoom link](#));
  - Toy wrapping parties—we need your help @Bookstore Conference Room! December 2, 12-1:30, Dec. 4 @11-1pm, Dec. 8. 11:30-1pm
- [Toy Drive](#): Bring toys and gift card donations to the Bookstore by Dec. 1. [Order from our Amazon Wish List](#)

### Staff Development

- [ISPACE Xperience](#), Wed., Nov 19 – come and try out VR headsets and play some games during your lunch break. Space available- tell your colleagues! [SIGN UP](#)

## Open Announcements-

- **Kleefeld Museum:** exhibit closing soon- [\*Solastalgia\*](#), Main Gallery, thru December 11
- **Chief Brockie Retirement Party:** Please join us as we honor Chief John Brockie and celebrate his remarkable service. We'd love for you to be a part of this special retirement celebration! [Please RSVP by Monday, November 17, 2025.](#)
- **Cart Parade!** Open to all to enter your cart in the parade or just watch it go by; Theme: "Christmas at the Beach" (contest); Prizes and awards will be done separately from BBS—you will not be judged against their carts. Cart route? [Last year's cart parade video](#)

